

Historic Preservation Ordinance Revision

Sections 2.12.1015 -2.12.1025 Municipal Code Revision of the ordinance was undertaken by the Historic Preservation Board with input from Wichita Downtown Development Corporation and Wichita Area Realtors

Significant Legislation

- ★ 1966 U.S. Congress passes the Historic Preservation Act mandating all 50 states to complete a comprehensive survey of historic resources and establish a State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)
- November 1975 City of Wichita adopts Historic Preservation Ordinance 33-790
- ★ July 1977 Kansas State Legislature adopts State Historic Preservation Act (K.S.A. 75-2725)

Significant Legislation (cont'd)

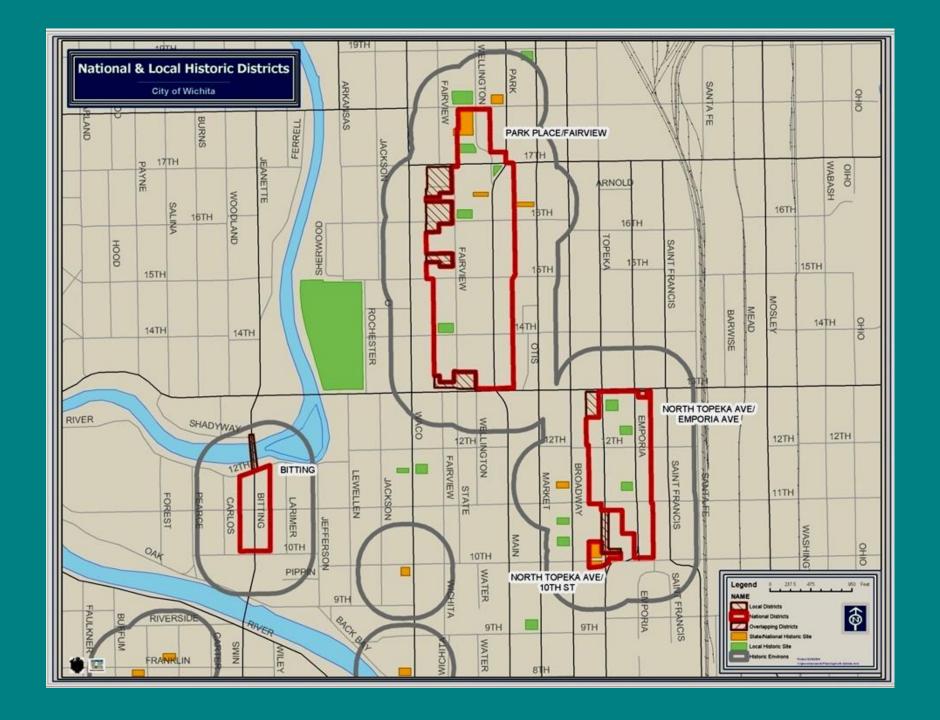
- ★ 1980 Amendments (P.L. 96-517) to the 1966 Historic Preservation Act established the Certified Local Government (CLG) program
- ★ 1985 Kansas implemented the Certified Local Government Program and Wichita was one of the first communities to attain CLG status in 1985
- ★ 1985 amended the Kansas Historic Preservation Act to include review of projects within 500 feet of state/national register listed properties

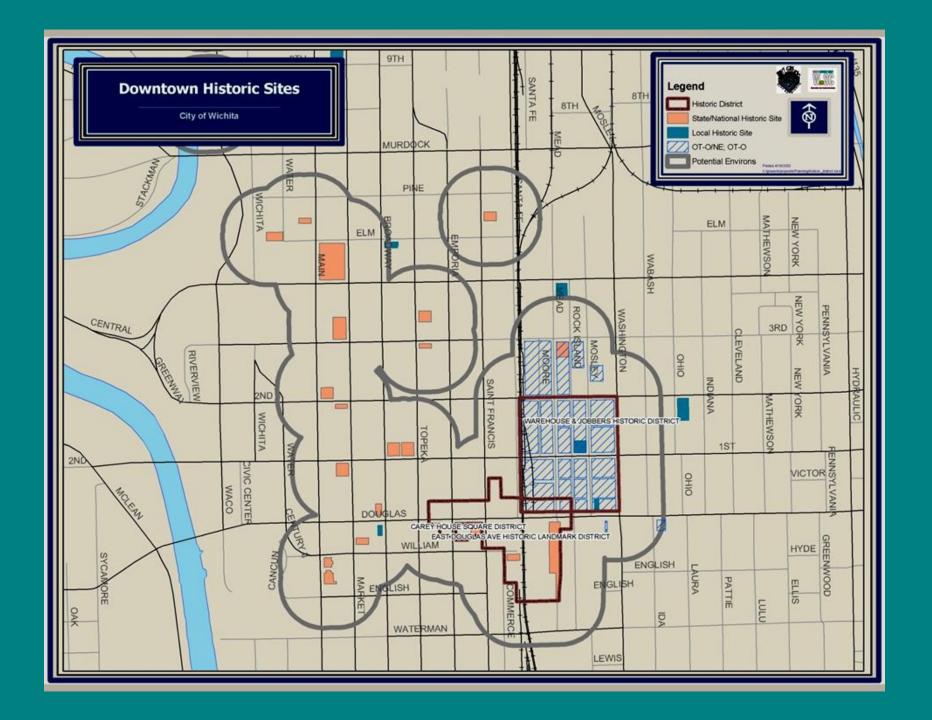
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- ★ 1995 amended the Kansas Historic
 Preservation Act to allow SHPO to develop
 agreements with CLGs to perform all statutory
 responsibilities of the Kansas historic
 preservation law with regard to design review
- ★ October 1997 agreement executed between SHPO and City of Wichita Historic Preservation Board (HPB) to conduct all design review. This agreement remains in effect until October 2010

Certified Local Government

- ★ The City maintains its CLG status by performing the responsibilities outlined in the program guidelines and complying with local, state, and national preservation laws
- Only Kansas Register or National Register listed properties have an environs review





Wichita Historic Preservation Board

- Oversees review of Wichita Register Listed Property according to local ordinance
- Nomination of individual property or district to the local register
- Local listed properties or local listed historic districts do not have environs

Local, State and National Register Listing

- May be listed only in the Wichita Register of Historic Places
- May be listed only in the Register of Historic Kansas Places
- May be listed in the Wichita Register of Historic Places and the Register of Historic Kansas Places
- May be listed in the Register of Historic Kansas Places and the National Register of Historic Places
- Property or historic district may be listed in all three registers

Definitions

- Expanded definitions to assist the user in understanding the preservation ordinance and its applications
- Replaced "historic landmark" and "historic landmark districts" throughout with "Wichita Register Properties" or "Wichita Register Historic Districts"

Historic Preservation Board Function

- ★ Incorporated the 10 'Secretary of Interior's Standards' into the ordinance
- Identified the design guidelines adopted by City Council by name
- Clarified items which the Historic Preservation Board provides comments

- ♣ Provision to review determinations of Superintendent of Office of Central Inspection of dangerous or unsafe buildings that are Wichita Register Historic Properties or buildings within a Wichita Register Historic District
- ★ Provision to act as a Certified Local Government in accordance with K.S.A. 75-2724, et seq., for the purposes of environs review of projects within 500 feet of a state or national register listed property or state or national register listed historic district

Procedure for listing historic resources and districts

- Requires submission of application 15 days before the hearing date
- Added notice of hearing to be posted by sign not less than 10 days before the scheduled Historic Preservation Board hearing

Certificate of appropriateness reviews for locally listed properties

- Requires submission of application 15 days before the hearing date
- Requires a sign be posted on the property not less than 10 days prior to the hearing
- * Time limit of 1 year to complete project

Wichita Register Listed Property – demolition or moving or damage or destruction of historic features

- Bond requirement for demolition (10 % of project cost)
- Completion date of demolition within 90 days
- * Failure to complete, forfeiture of bond
- Order to complete issued by Superintendent of OCI if project is abandoned

Economic Hardship

- Certificate of Economic Hardship provides relief from Code
- New section sets forth procedure for determination of hardship

Notice of hearing for CLG review of applications

- Requires submission of application 15 days before the hearing date
- New section requires posting of sign 10 days before the HPB hearing to remain until after the hearing
- Applies to State and National Register listings
- Applies to environs review (major cases only)

Penalty

- Stipulates it is unlawful for owner of Wichita Register Historic Property to fail to maintain the property in good condition
- Sets a penalty of up to \$1,000 per day for each day the offense occurs